

Amendment to and Listing of the Claims:

[Please rewrite claim 1 as follows:]

1. (Currently Amended) An improved integral keyboard and storage organizer comprising:

an upper housing, said upper housing containing and partially enclosing a keyboard switching mechanism;

said keyboard ~~computer~~ switching mechanism adapted to communicate with a computer;

a bottom surface of said upper housing defining the upper periphery of a storage compartment;

a lower housing shell, an inner surface of said lower housing shell defining the lower periphery of a storage compartment;

said storage compartment being physically and electrically isolated from said computer;

hinging means, for hingably connecting said upper housing to said lower housing shell in a clam shell fashion, whereby upon application of an external force the angular separation between said upper housing and said lower housing shell may be selectably increased and decreased, thereby exposing and concealing said storage compartment; and

latching means that when engaged maintain said upper housing and said lower housing shall in a state of minimal angular separation.

[Please rewrite claim 2 as follows:]

2. (Currently amended) An improved integral keyboard and storage organizer comprising:

an upper housing, said upper housing containing and partially enclosing a keyboard switching mechanism;

said keyboard ~~computer~~ switching mechanism adapted to communicate with a computer;

a bottom surface of said upper housing defining the upper periphery of a storage compartment;

a lower housing shell, an inner surface of said lower housing shell defining the lower periphery of a storage compartment;

said storage compartment being physically and electrically isolated from said computer;

hinging means, for hingably connecting said upper housing to said lower housing shell in a clam shell fashion, whereby upon application of an external force the angular separation between said upper housing and said lower housing shell may be selectably increased and decreased, thereby exposing and concealing said storage compartment; and

locking means that when engaged maintain the relationship between said upper housing shell and said lower housing shell and prevent access to said storage compartment.

[Please rewrite claim 3 as follows:]

3. (Currently amended) An improved integral keyboard and storage organizer comprising:

an upper housing, said upper housing containing and partially enclosing a keyboard switching mechanism;

said keyboard ~~computer~~ switching mechanism adapted to communicate with a computer;

a bottom surface of said upper housing defining the upper periphery of a storage compartment;

a lower housing shell, an inner surface of said lower housing shell defining the lower periphery of a storage compartment;

said storage compartment being physically and electrically isolated from said computer;

hinging means, for hingably connecting said upper housing to said lower housing shell in a clam shell fashion, whereby upon application of an external force the angular separation between said upper housing and said lower housing shell may be selectably increased and decreased, thereby exposing and concealing said storage compartment; and

an electronics access compartment through which electrical components are accessible yet segregated from said storage compartment.

[Please rewrite claim 4 as follows:]

4. (Currently amended) An improved integral keyboard and storage organizer comprising:

an upper housing, said upper housing containing and partially enclosing a keyboard switching mechanism;

said keyboard switching mechanism adapted to communicate with a computer;

a bottom surface of said upper housing defining the upper periphery of a storage compartment;

a lower housing shell, an inner surface of said lower housing shell defining the lower periphery of a storage compartment;

said storage compartment being physically and electrically isolated from said computer;

slid[e]ing means, for slideably connecting said upper housing to said lower housing shell, whereby upon application of an external force said upper housing may be slid in parallel alignment to said lower housing shell to selectably expose and conceal said storage compartment; and

latching means that when engaged maintain said upper housing and said lower housing shell with said storage compartment in a concealed arrangement.

Please rewrite claim 5 as follows:

5. (Currently amended) An improved integral keyboard and storage organizer comprising:

an upper housing, said upper housing containing and partially enclosing a keyboard switching mechanism;

said keyboard switching mechanism adapted to communicate with a computer;

a bottom surface of said upper housing defining the upper periphery of a storage compartment;

a lower housing shell, an inner surface of said lower housing shell defining the lower periphery of a storage compartment;

said storage compartment being physically and electrically isolated from said computer;

slid[e]ing means, for slideably connecting said upper housing to said lower housing shell, whereby upon application of an external force said upper housing may be slid in parallel alignment to said lower housing shell to selectably expose and conceal said storage compartment; and

locking means that when engaged maintain the relationship between said upper housing shell and said lower housing shell and prevent access to said storage compartment.

Please rewrite claim 6 as follows:

6. (Currently amended) An improved integral keyboard and storage organizer comprising:

an upper housing, said upper housing containing and partially enclosing a keyboard switching mechanism;

said keyboard switching mechanism adapted to communicate with a computer;

a bottom surface of said upper housing defining the upper periphery of a storage compartment;

a lower housing shell; an inner surface of said lower housing shell defining the lower periphery of a storage compartment;

said storage compartment being physically and electrically isolated from said computer;

slid[e]ing means, for slideably connecting said upper housing to said lower housing shell, whereby upon application of an external force said upper housing may be slid in parallel alignment to said lower housing shell to selectably expose and conceal said storage compartment; and

an electronics access compartment through which electrical components are accessible yet segregated from said storage compartment.

7. (Original) An improved integral keyboard and storage organizer according to claim 1, further comprising an electronics access compartment through which electrical components are accessible yet segregated from said storage compartment.

8. (Original) An improved integral keyboard and storage organizer according to claim 4, further comprising an electronics access compartment through which electrical components are accessible yet segregated from said storage compartment.

9. (Original) An improved integral keyboard and storage organizer according to claim 1, 3, 4, 6, 7 or 8 further comprising locking means that when engaged maintain the relationship between said upper housing shell and said lower housing shell and prevent access to said storage compartment.